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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

Re: **RESPONSE****United States Patent Application No. 09/822,823****Entitled: Method for Separating Cells Using Immunorosettes****Inventors: Terry E. Thomas, Carrie Peters and Peter Lansdorp****Filing Date: April 2, 2001****Art Unit: 1644****Examiner: David A. Saunders**

The present letter is filed in response to the office action of September 20, 2002.

Applicant provisionally elects Group II, the claims readable thereon as being claims 13-20. This is without prejudice to Applicant filing divisional application to the Group I invention.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, we respectfully submit that the application is in order for allowance and early indication of that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in greater detail, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (416) 364-7311 at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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